

REMARKS

Claims 12, 16 and 18 have been amended. No new matter has been added by virtue of the amendments.

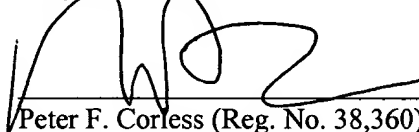
Claim 16 is apparently rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Claim 16 has been amended to obviate the rejection.

Claims 12, 14-15 and 17-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) over commonly assigned Trefonas (U.S. Patent 6136501).

Under separate cover, Applicants will submit a rule 132 Declaration that shows the cited disclosure of the Trefonas patent has the same inventorship with the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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